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**Arrest in Brewster Church Arson**

State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan, Brewster Deputy Fire Chief William Harrison, and Brewster Police Chief Richard J. Koch Jr. announced the arrest of Adam Finnegan, 29, of Brewster for the 3 a.m. fire at the Bible Alliance Church at 3600 Main Street in Brewster. He will be charged on one count of burning a building.

Coan said, "Whenever there is a fire in a house of worship, it has a tremendous impact on the fabric of a community. I applaud the investigative team for working methodically and as quickly as possible to arrest the person they believe is responsible for this crime."

Chief Koch said, "There is no indication that this fire is connected to any other fire."

The fire was jointly investigated by officers from the Brewster Police Department, members of the Brewster Fire Department and State Police assigned to the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and agents from the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). The ATF frequently joins the fire investigation team in Massachusetts for non-residential fires. The Cape and Islands District Attorney's Office will be prosecuting this case and all future press statements will come from that office.

Coan reiterated that this fire is not connected to the on-going series of arson fires in southeastern Massachusetts that his office is investigating. The public is asked to continue to be vigilant and report any suspicious activities, especially around vacant or abandoned properties to local police. If anyone has information about a fire, please call the Arson Hotline, at 1-800-682-9229, confidentially, 24 hours a day.

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